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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/578,678
 Title: RAPID COUPLING
 Our Ref. 967/44780

Attached please find an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form in connection with the above-referenced application.

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/578,678

First Named Applicant: Ulrich MEIER

Examiner: HEWITT

Art Unit: 3679

Status of Application: AF

Tentative Participants:

(1) Christine McCarthy

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Proposed Time: 10:00 am AM/PM

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) Telephonic(2) Personal(3) Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated:

 YES NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) Objection	Claims 12-13	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Objection	Figs. 1 and 3	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) 103 Rejection	Claims 8, 12-13	Yeoman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Argument to be Presented:

Clarification of Applicant's position regarding prior art deficiencies and discussion and education of

Applicant on prior art analysis and opinion of amended claims and proposed revisions to FIGS. 1 and 3

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

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Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Christine H. McCarthy

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative
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Examiner/SPE Signature_____
Registration Number, if applicable

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